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1. The following is the text of a letter sent to the Ministry of Traffic on 18 August 1950 by the Soviet Zone Ministry of Trade: "In accordance with the resolution taken by the Council of Ministers at its session of 17 August 1950 regarding the distribution of footwear from Czechoslovakia and Hungary, the following quotas are earmarked for distribution among workers employed in key enterprises under your administration:

	Work Shoes	General purpose Men	shoes for women	Slippers children	Total	
Railroad repair shop personnel	2,000	6,500	15,000	9,000	3,500	36,000
Locomotive crews	1,000	4,000	7,500	5,500	2,000	20,000
Shunting personnel	8,000	1,000	500	500	-	10,000
Roadbed and track maintenance personnel	1,000	2,500	3,000	2,000	500	9,000
	12,000	14,000	26,000	17,000	6,000	75,000

"The following principles will be applied in the distribution of the footwear:

1. Shoes will only be distributed among personnel of key enterprises directly engaged in the production process. Coupons will not be requested and normal prices must be charged.
2. The recipients of such footwear will be determined by the plant managements in cooperation with the shop councils of the plants concerned.
3. The footwear will be sold at the cooperative stores of the plants.
4. The distribution of the footwear will be controlled by the ministries in control of the plants concerned."\*

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 Comment. The supply of footwear to railroad personnel continued to be inadequate. In view of a total of 247,461 railroad employees as of late 1948, 35,216 of whom were assigned to railroad repair shops, the number of shoes to be distributed is only a fraction of the total actually required.

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